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According to a resolution, passed at the meeting of Synod, in Washington, Guernsey county, Ohio, the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio and adjacent parts, convened at Canton, Stark county, Ohio, on Saturday, the 14th day of October, 1843. Divine service commenced at 2 o'clock in the English Lutheran church connected with the Male Seminary. Bishop A. H. Myers preached from Psalm 89th, 15th verse.

At candle-light, Bishop S. Ritz preached from Genesis, chapter 3rd, verse 4th. The sophistry of Universalism was exposed in this sermon.

On Sabbath morning, at 9 o'clock, the service commenced with prayer and praise. At 10 o'clock, Bishop J. H. Hoffman preached an appropriate sacramental discourse from John, chap. 3rd, verses 14th and 15th. After which, the rite of Confirmation and the Sacramental services were attended to by the Secretary. The services were solemn, affecting and interesting. At the same hour, Bishop W. H. Smith, from Pittsburg, preached in the Presbyterian church from Hebrews, chap. 2nd, verse 3rd. And at the same hour, Bishop J. B. Hoffman preached in the Methodist Episcopal church, from Luke, chap. 5th, verse 12th.

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At 3 o'clock, P. M., the President, J. B. Reck, preached an appropriate synodical discourse from Ezek., chap. 3d, v. 17th—19th.

At candle-light, Bishop H. Baker preached from Mark, chapter 12th, verse 6th. At the same time, Bishop R. D. Emmerson preached in the Presbyterian church from Isaiah, chap. 3rd, verse 10th. And at the same time, Bishop P. P. Lane preached in the Methodist Episcopal church, from Psalm. 7th, verses 11th and 12th. The exercises of this holy day will not be forgotten by the brethren present and the inhabitants of the place.

FIRST SYNODICAL SESSION.

Monday Morning, 9 *o'clock*, 16*th Oct.* 1843.

The Synod met in the new church connected with the Male Seminary, and was opened by singing a hymn, reading the 2nd chapter of Paul's 2nd epistle to Timothy, and prayer, by the President.

The roll was then called by the President, and the absentees marked. The following is a list of the present members of this Synod:

BISHOPS.

1 J. STOUGH,* *Senior of the Ministerium.*

2 W. G. KEIL,*
3 J. B. RECK,
4 F. J. RUTH,*
5 J. H. HOFFMAN,
6 G. LEITER,
7 S. RITZ,
8 J. HAMILTON,
9 J. SEIDLE,
10 C. C. GUENTHER,
11 E. RATHBUN,
12 A. KUHN,
13 J. SURFACE,*
14 J. G. ELLINGER,
15 W. J. SLOAN,
16 J. B. HOFFMAN,
17 R. D. EMMERSON,
18 H. BISHOP,*
19 L. C. BARNS,
20 W. A. WADSWORTH.

LICENTIATES.

21 P. P. LANE,
22 G. SILL,
23 J. LIVENGOOD,
24 G. W. SHÆFFER,
25 G. WOLF,
26 J. WOLF,*
27 J. ROLLISOM,
28 J. G. HARRIS,
29 A. H. MYERS,
30 H. BAKER,
31 J. DIXON,†
32 E. L. THUMM,†
33 C. MOOK,†
34 G. HAMMER,†
35 E. EASTMAN,†
36 —— THOMSON,†
37 —— CATHER,†
38 J. SIMONS,†
39 H. R. HENNIGH,†
40 V. EXLINE,†

* Absent.

† Licensed candidates this session.

LAY DELEGATES.

The following lay delegates now presented their credentials and took their respective seats, viz.,

1	E. RAFFENSBERGER, Esq.,	*J. B. Reck's delegate,*
2	J. G. STOUGH,	*F. J. Ruth's delegate,*
3	A. SIMON,	*J. H. Hoffman's delegate,*
4	F. CASSEL,	*G. Leiter's delegate,*
5	MILTON SMITH, Esq.,	*S. Ritz's delegate,*
6	H. NEUSTETER,	*J. Hamilton's delegate,*
7	G. RULE,	*J. Seidel's delegate,*
8	A. ANDERSON,	*C. C. Guenther's delegate,*
9	J. B. RATHBUN,	*E. Rathbun's delegate,*
10	W. FEIGHNER,	*A. Kuhn's delegate,*
11	S. SEACHRIST,	*J. G. Ellinger's delegate,*
12	J. ONSTOTT,	*W. J. Sloan's delegate,*
13	D. BRACHT,	*J. B. Hoffman's delegate,*
14	W. LEMMON, Esq.,	*R. D. Emmerson's delegate,*
15	N. DAVISSON,	*H. Bishop's delegate,*
16	F. FENNER,	*P. P. Lane's delegate,*
17	J. MILLER,	*J. Livengood's delegate,*
18	P. N. O'BANNAN,	*L. C. Barns' delegate,*
19	A. H. LEEDY,	*G. W. Shæffer's delegate,*
20	J. HORN,	*J. G. Harris' delegate,*
21	E. SMITH,	*A. H. Myers' delegate,*
22	J. BOOZE,	*H. Baker's delegate,*

The President then read his report, which gave an interesting account of many of the churches under our care. See Appendix.

The proper time, according to the order of business, having arrived for the election of officers of Synod, resulted as follows:

Bishop J. B. RECK, *President,*
" J. HAMILTON, *Secretary,*
" S. RITZ, *Treasurer.*

1. On motion, *Resolved*, That Bishop W. H. Smith, the delegate from the Alleghany Synod, and Bishop H. K. Hennigh, the delegate from the Synod of the West, be received as advisory members of this body.

2. On motion, *Resolved*, That Bishops J. Simons of the Alleghany Synod, J. Krack of the Synod of the West, Rev. E. Eastman from the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Rev. M. Nies of the United Brethren, be received as advisory members of this body.

The reading of the last year's Minutes being in order, it was

3. *Resolved*, That the reading of the minutes be dispensed with for the present, and that they be put into the hands of a committee to report on to this body.

The following committees were appointed, and the documents delivered to them for examination and report.

First Committee, Bishops C. C. Guenther, S. Ritz, and Mr. W. Lemmon, Esq.

Second Committee, Bishops J. H. Hoffman, W. A. Wadsworth, R. D. Emmerson and Mr. E. Raffensberger, Esq.

Third Committee, Bishops G. Leiter, A. Kuhn and Mr. P. N. O'Bannan.

Fourth Committee, Bishops J. B. Hoffman, J. Seidel, and G. W. Shæffer.

Fifth Committee, Bishops E. Rathbun, J. G. Ellinger, and Mr. J. Miller.

Sixth Committee, Bishops W. J. Sloan, L. C. Barns, and A. H. Myers.

Seventh Committee, Bishops J. Rollisom, G. Wolf, and H. R. Hennigh.

Eighth Committee, Bishops J. G. Ellinger, C. C. Guenther, and J. Seidel.

Ninth Committee, Bishop J. Simons, Mr. Milton Smith, Esq., and Mr. J. G. Stough.

Tenth Committee, Bishops G. Sill, P. P. Lane, C. Mook, and J. Dixon.

Eleventh Committee, Bishop J. Krack, Mr. N. Davisson, and Mr. H. Neusteter.

Twelfth Committee, Bishop Baker, Mr. J. B. Rathbun, and Mr. G. Rule.

Thirteenth Committee, Bishops G. Leiter, S. Ritz and Mr. Milton Smith, Esq.,

Fourteenth Committee, Bishop J. Rollisom.

Fifteenth Committee, Bishop E. Rathbun.

Sixteenth Committee, Bishops A. Kuhn, and J. Livengood.

4. On motion, *Resolved*, That we now adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock.

Prayer by the Secretary.

SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY 2 *o'clock, P. M.*

Synod met according to adjournment, and was opened by singing a hymn of praise to God, and prayer by Bishop J. H. Hoffman.

5. On motion, *Resolved*, That Rev. J. J. Fast of the German Lutheran Synod, be received as an advisory member.

The committees were now called upon to report.

Fourth Committee respectfully report on the documents assigned them:

No. 1, is a communication from Germantown, undersigned by four persons, who give an account of the low state of piety in the church in that place, and of the lamentable progress of infidelity. In view of which they earnestly beg this synodical body to appoint their next session among them, promising to entertain us kindly.

Your committee sympathize with the faithful few who desire to see a happier state of things in their midst, and advise Synod to take a favorable notice of their earnest solicitation, when balloting for the place of our next year's meeting.

No. 2, is a communication from brother J. Surface of Ridgeville, Warren county, in which we notice several items. *First.* He begs to be excused from attending Synod on account of sickness in his family. *Second.* He gives an account of a tour which he made to Missouri, where he organized a small congregation, and prays Synod to send them a missionary, offering himself to go, providing that Synod give him $15 per month, and he promises in a short time to build up a large and flourishing charge in that region of country. *Third.* He gives his parochial report, according to which he collected $10 for the Synodical Treasury, which were enclosed in his letter. He confirmed 49; baptized 11 adults, and 38 infants; communicants, 230; congregations, 3; prayer-meetings, 3; and admitted 14. *Fourth.* He advises Synod forthwith to organize a synod in the south-west part of Ohio, upon such principles as that it will co-operate with our Synod. *Fifth.* He informs us that brother Hennigh was appointed the delegate to our Synod from the Synod of the West, and that he applied for an honorable dismissal from the Synod of the West, with the intention of connecting himself with this body, but that it could not be granted in view of his delegation, in consequence of which he refused having his license renewed, intending to apply to this Synod for license. In conclusion, he prays God to let his blessing attend us in our deliberations.

Your committee regret that brother Surface could not attend Synod and recommend that he be excused.

It is further the honest conviction of your committee, that it is important to hold an extra session of Synod next spring, for the purpose of dividing our Synod, and do recommend that a committee of five persons be appointed forthwith, to propose a plan of division at said session.

Your committee would refer brother Hennigh's case to the Ministerium.

No. 3, is a letter from Florida, Monroe county, Missouri, undersigned by the church council of a newly organized congregation, earnestly soliciting this Synod to send them a Pastor, or a missionary, promising to do what they can to sustain the Gospel among them.

Your committee lament the destitute state of this people, and recommend to any young brother, who feels inclined to go west, to visit, and if possible, labor among them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. SEIDLE,
J. B. HOFFMAN,
G. W. SHÆFFER.

Adopted.

6. On motion, *Resolved*, That brother Surface be excused.

Third Committee respectfully report:

The papers, No. 1, 2, 3 and 4, are recommendations from Bethel, Plain, East Union, Wooster, and St. Paul's congregations, Wayne Co., Ohio, signed by the church councils and several members of the congregations, in which they express their entire satisfaction with the deportment of their pastor, A. H. Myers, and testify to the usefulness of his ministerial services. They affectionately pray Synod to renew his license, and to continue him among them.

Your committee rejoice in the favorable testimonials given of brother A. H. Myers, and pray Synod to regard favorably the prayer of the above mentioned congregations.

No. 5, 6 and 7, are communications from Winchester, Germantown, Warren Co., and Salem Church, signed by Dr. Beaver, Kurtz, Surface, and several others, in which they express their gratitude for being supplied with a minister, and also express their entire satisfaction with the ministerial labors of brother G. Sill.

No. 8, is a communication from the church council of Johnstown, Cambria Co., Pa., in which they state, that brother Rollisom resigned

that charge in March last, and they recommend him as an exemplary christian and worthy minister.

Your committee would recommend these brethren to the favorable notice of the ministerium.

Respectfully submitted,

G. LEITER,
A. KUHN,
P. N. O'BANNAN.

Adopted.

Fifth Committee respectfully report:

Letters marked No. 1, 2 and 3, are communications from Clear Creek, Hopewell, and Orange congregations, Richland Co., Ohio, and No. 4 and 5, are communications from Perrysburg, Plain, and Wooster congregations, Wayne Co., Ohio, in all of which the devoted piety, burning zeal, and ministerial attainments and usefulness of brother Dixon are spoken of in the highest terms of approbation. They also pray Synod to renew his license, and permit him to remain among them as their minister.

Your committee would express their gratification in surveying the favorable testimonials of brother Dixon, and would recommend him to the favorable notice of the Ministerium.

Respectfully submitted,

E. RATHBUN,
J. G. ELLINGER,
J. MILLER.

Adopted.

Sixth Committee respectfully report:

Letter No. 1, is a communication from Plymouth congregation, Richland Co., Ohio, signed by the church council, in which they bear testimony to the consistent walk, evangelic and efficient ministration of br. P. P. Lane, and earnestly and effectionately request his promotion to the rank of an ordained minister, and also desire his continuance among them.

Letter No. 2, is a communication of similar import, from Richland, Richland Co., Ohio.

Your committee are gratified with the above testimonials, relative to brother Lane, and recommend him to the favorable regard of the Ministerium.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER J. SLOAN,
L. C. BARNS,
A. H. MYERS.

Adopted.

Tenth Committee respectfully report:

Letter No. 1, is a communication from the church council of Benton congregation, in which they recommend very highly the Rev. E. Eastman, and pray Synod to receive him into their connection.

Letters No. 2 and 3, are of similar import from Black Creek and Nashville congregations, Holmes Co., Ohio. Your committee would recommend brother Eastman to the favorable notice of the Ministerium.

Respectfully submitted,

G. SILL,
P. P. LANE,
J. M. DIXON,
C. MOOK.

Adopted.

Eleventh Committee respectfully report:

The letter placed in our hands is from the church councils of Mount Vernon and Mount Zion congregations, Knox Co., Ohio, in which they express their entire satisfaction with the labor and deportment of br. H. Baker, since he has been among them. They desire him to continue his labor of love among them.

Your committee rejoice to hear that brother Baker's efforts have been blessed in the charge committed to his care, and would recommend him to the favorable notice of the Ministerium.

Respectfully submitted,

J. KRACK,
N. A. DAVISSON,
H. NEUSTETER.

Adopted.

7. On motion, *Resolved*, That the brethren applying for license to this body be admitted to an examination on experimental religion, and their call to the ministry, after preaching this evening.

8. On motion, *Resolved*, That we adjourn to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Bishop G. Leiter.

There was preaching at candle-light, Bishop J. Rollisom preached from Prov. chap. 1, verse 24. After which we heard with much pleasure, the experience of several young brethren, who are applicants for licensure to this body. The exercises this evening were very interesting.

THIRD SESSION.

TUESDAY MORNING, 10 *o'clock*, *Oct.* 17.

After hymning the praise of God, prayer by Bishop C. C. Guenther.

The Board of Directors met this morning at 8 o'clock to transact business relative to our Literary and Theological Institute.

9. On motion, *Resolved*, That Rev. W. W. Taylor of the Presbyterian church and the Rev. J. P. Maunismith of the German Reformed Church, be admitted as advisory members of this body.

10. On motion, *Resolved*, That the Rev. G. Sleeper the delegate from the German Reformed Synod of Ohio to this body, the Rev. J. Sterner of the German Reformed Church, and the Rev. E. Melsheimer of the German Lutheran Synod, be admitted as advisory members of this body.

First Committee respectfully report:

The document placed in the hands of your committee, is the President's report to this body, in which we notice several items.

First Item, is the case of Bro. Hammer, who received *ad interim* license. As this requires an action of Synod, we recommend that he be admitted to an examination.

Second Item, is our Mission at Cincinnati. Your committee is of opinion, however flourishing its condition, that for the time being it requires the attention and fostering care of the Synod, and that we send such an appropriation as Synod may feel able to give.

Third Item, has reference to a liberal circulation of our religious periodical and standard works of the Ev. Lutheran Church, such as the "Lutheran Observer," "Hirtenstimme," Dr. S. S. Schmucker's "Popular Theology," "Exposition of the Gospels," by Morris & Smith, "Dr. Kurtz on Christian Baptism," and "Why are you a Lutheran?"

Resolved, That we recommend the above publications to our people.

Fourth Item, refers to the contemplated Literary and Theological Institution, the Board of Directors having met in Wooster, Wayne Co., Ohio, in June last, who by a majority of votes located said Institution in the town of Wooster, Wayne Co., Ohio, which we lay before Synod.

Fifth Item, refers to the Professor of said Institution. The committee would recommend Synod to the Secretary of the Board of Directors for information on this subject.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. GUENTHER,
SOLOMON RITZ,
WILLIAM LEMMON.

Adopted.

11. On motion, *Resolved*, That $100 be appropriated to the English Lutheran Mission in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Secretary gave the desired information to the Synod relative to the Professorship in the above mentioned Institution, and the result of his correspondence.

12. On motion, *Resolved*, That we now adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock.

Prayer by the Rev. W. W. Taylor.

FOURTH SESSION.

TUESDAY *2 o'clock P. M.*

Synod met pursuant to adjournment, after singing a hymn of praise to God, Bishop J. Seidel opened Synod by prayer.

Second Committee respectfully report on Minutes and papers placed in our hands:

No. 1, are the Minutes of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, being the 12th Convention, which met in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, May the 21st 1843.

From a review of these Minutes we discover the following items; specially deserving our attention.

1. Our delegates were received, and our Synod acknowledged as a constituent part of their convention.

2. They recommend the "cent a week" method of raising funds for benevolent purposes. We heartily concur in this recommendation.

3. They direct the attention of the different Synods to the importance of ministerial education. In this suggestion your committee most cordially concur, and advise our Synod to be particular in examining candidates and applicants for admission into our connection.

4. They also speak of the importance of uniformity in public worship, and advise the adoption of an English Liturgy, by the different Synods in their connexion, on the basis of the German Liturgy adopted by several sister Synods.

5. They urge the importance of the sanctification of the Sabbath, and seem to regret that the Synods generally do not take more special notice of this subject. In reference to this matter, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution, *Resolved*, That the Ministers of this Synod urge upon their congregations the necessity of a strict observance of the Sabbath, as this is very important for the advancement and final triumph of our holy religion.

6. They advise the observance of a monthly concert of prayer, to be held on the first Sunday or Monday evening of every month, to raise collections on those occasions for foreign Missions. Your committee recommend favorable action on this subject by this body.

7. They also invite the attention of Synods in their connexion to the subject of making out full reports of the state of religion, their number of communicants, and their annual increase, &c. On this subject we recommend the following resolution, *Resolved*, That every congregation in our Synod, be and is hereby required to make out an *accurate and full* parochial report, and transmit said report to this Synod at its annual session,

No. 2, are the Minutes of the last session of this Synod, in which we notice certain itmes of unfinished business, to which we invite the attention of the Synod.

1. The appointment of a committee consisting of Breth. W. W. G. Keil, G. Leiter and W. A. Wadsworth to examine a treatise on Moral Government by Br. Hamilton, presented to this Synod for publication, said committee is required to report to this body at the present session.

2. Also, a committee consisting of Breth. G. Leiter, H. Bishop and W. A. Wadsworth, who were appointed to prepare and present to this Synod at its present session, the doctrinal articles of the Church in a condensed form, for publication.

3. We also notice, that the half of the constitution of the Literary Institution has been lost, and that our present Constitution by which this body is to be governed, is susceptible of improvement

in several important particulars, which matter we refer to the careful consideration of this Synod.

No. 3, are the Minutes of the Maryland Synod, convened at Frederick City, Oct., 1842. Rev. J. Winter, President, Rev. S. W. Harkey, Secretary, and Rev. E. Keller, Treasurer. No. of Ministers, 22. Congregations, 64. Baptized, infants, 917, adults, 198. Confirmed, 1096. Admitted, 24. Communicants, 7167. These minutes contain nothing claiming the action of this Synod. The brethren take favorable notice of the doings of the brethren of this Synod.

No. 4, are the Minutes of the Alleghany Synod of 1842, held at Hollidaysburg, Pa.; Rev. W. M. Yeager, President, Rev. P. Rizer, Secretary, Rev. A. Babb, Treasurer. No. of Ministers, 16. Congregations, 49. Communicants, 4137. Baptized, infants, 541, adults, 114. Confirmed, 670. Your committee take great pleasure in mentioning the zeal and activity of this "little Synod."

No. 5, are the Minutes of the 12th Session of the Hartwick Synod, held at Stone Arabia, New York, Sept. 3d, 1842. Rev. G. H. Lintner D. D., President, Rev. L. Sternberg, Sec., and Rev. W. N. Sholl, Treas. No. of Ministers, 15. Congregations, 27. Baptized, infants, 317, adults, 28. Confirmed, 133. Admitted, 28. Communicants, 3877. They take favorable notice of this Synod. Your committee are gratified in discovering from these Minutes, that those brethren are zealously engaged in the work of their divine Master in every benevolent enterprize of the day.

No. 6, are the Minutes of the Synod of North Carolina, convened at Sandy Creek, Davidson Co., N. C., April 28th, 1843. Rev. W. Artz, Pres., Rev. W. G. Harter, Sec., and Col. J. Shimpock, Treas. No. of Ministers, 8. Congregations, 19. Baptized, infants, 93. Confirmed, 39. Communicants, 1463.

No. 7, are the Minutes of the Synod of Virginia, convened at Woodstock, Va.; Rev. L. Eichelberger, Pres., Rev. S. Wagner, Sec., and Rev. T. Miller, Treas. No. of Ministers, 18. The parochial report not added up. These brethren are engaged with their accustomed zeal and energy in the work of our divine Redeemer.

No. 8, are the Minutes of the Frankean Synod, convened at West Sand Lake, Rensselaer Co., New York, June 1st, 1843. No. of Ministers, 26. Baptized, infants, 127, adults, 111. Congrega-

tions, 40. Confirmed, 383. Admitted by letter, 19. Communicants, 2514. Bishop J. D. Lawyer, Pres., Bishop N. Van Alstine, Sec., and B. Drefendorf, Treasurer.

No. 9, is a letter from a number of brethren of St. Johns Church, Licking county, commending the usefulness and successful labors of Bro. L. C. Barns among them, and praying this Synod to ordain him at this session. The committee refer this matter with leave of Synod to the Ministerium.

No. 10, is a letter of similar import from St. Paul's church, Licking county.

No. 11, is a letter from certain Lay brethren of St. Louisville, Licking county, Ohio. As to the action of this Synod on the subject of their inquiry, we refer them to the second resolution, on page 21 of the minutes of our Synod, held at Bucyrus, Oct., 1841.

No. 12, is an item in the report of the Rev. Ex. Pres., at our last Synod, in which Rev. J. B. Hoffman is represented to have extended his sphere of labor beyond the limits assigned him by the previous session of the Synod. In reference to this subject, your committee not being able to find any resolution defining the bounds of his field of labor, consider the allegation groundless.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. HOFFMAN,
W. A. WADSWORTH,
R. D. EMMERSON,
E. RAFFENSBERGER.

Adopted.

In view of the importance of the work referred to, the author has thought prudent to postpone indefinitely the publication of said work, desiring to enlarge and improve its present form.

J. HAMILTON.

13. On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to revise the constitution of this body, and report at its next session. Bishops G. Leiter, J. H. Hoffman, C. C. Guenther, J. B. Reck and J. Hamilton were appointed said committee.

14. On motion, *Resolved*, That the improvement of the Literary Constitution be indefinitely postponed.

The Secretary of the Board of Directors was requested to report to the Synod the proceedings of the Board at its last session in Wooster, in June last, which is as follows:

Having failed to obtain a quorum to transact business at two previous meetings of the Board, we agreed to meet again in June, 1843, in the town of Wooster. The absent members were notified to meet at the time appointed. We met according to appointment, and there being a quorum, we proceeded to transact business.

The meeting was opened by singing a suitable hymn, and prayer by the Secretary, for the Holy Spirit to direct us in the enterprize which had called us together.

The President of the Board, Bishop W. G. Keil being absent, Bishop J. B. Reck was called to the chair.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That Bishops S. Ritz and J. H. Myers, Rev. J. McKee of the Seceeder Church, L. Cox, Esq., W. Laswell, T. Robinson, Doct. J. P. Coulter, J. Bowman and Gen. C. Spink, be received as advisory members of this body.

After the reading of the Preamble and Constitution of the Board, and a communication from Bishop F. J. Ruth, we were prepared to receive proposals for the location of the Institution.

After the proposals were handed in, accompanied by able counsel, we took up the enterprize seriously and thoughtfully, and in view of important considerations connected with the interests of the church, believed it our duty to act.

By ballot we located the Institution at Wooster, Wayne Co., Ohio, subject to an action of this Synod at its present session.

The building is to be 36 feet by 50 feet, three stories high, and to be built of substantial material. This is intended for a central building.

A committee of three were appointed to obtain a suitable site for the Institution, and report to the board at the present session of Synod, consisting of Messrs. Robert Taggart, Thomas Robinson, and Abraham Fox.

Elias Smith, residing near Wooster, Wayne Co., Ohio, was elected Treasurer, and I was authorized to correspond with —— relative to the Professorship.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HAMILTON, *Secretary of the Board of Directors.*

Adopted.

14. On motion, *Resolved*, To adjourn until after religious exercises this evening.

Prayer by brother Krack.

There was preaching at candle-light. Bishop W. H. Smith, from the city of Pittsburg, preached an appropriate sermon from

Exodus, chap. 14, verse 15, "Speak unto the Children of Israel, that they go forward." The text and the sermon was peculiarly applicable to the enterprize and efficiency of this band of brethren.

FIFTH SESSION.

8 o'clock in the evening.

15. On motion, *Resolved*, That Gen. S. Lahm, Esq., and — Harris Esq., be admitted as advisory members of this body, relative to the location of our literary and theological Institution.

We were edified by the counsel of the above named gentlemen, and also by the counsel of Gen. E. Spink and Mr. J. Laswell from Wooster, relative to our contemplated Institution, after which,

16. On motion, it was *Resolved*, That we adjourn to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

SIXTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 8 *o'clock, A. M. Oct.* 18th.

After hymning praise to God, prayer by Bishop J. Simons.

17. On motion, *Resolved*, That Mr. Price, Esq., be admitted as an advisory member relative to the location of our contemplated Institution.

18. On motion, *Resolved*, That Messrs. J. Horn and H. Neusteter be permitted to return home.

19. On motion, *Resolved*, That Bishop W. H. Smith, the delegate from the Alleghany Synod to this body, be excused from further attendance.

20. On motion, *Resolved*, That we ratify the action of the Board of Directors in locating the Institution in Wooster, Wayne Co., Ohio.

Seventh Committee respectfully report as follows:

Letter No. 1, is from the congregation of Bolivar, Tuscarawas Co., Ohio, in which the church council of said church give an account of an interesting revival of religion, which occurred in that place during the month of March last. As the result of said protracted effort, they have organized a congregation of seventy members, who respectfully petition this Synod to receive them into connexion with it. Your committee move the admission of said congregation into our care.

No. 2, is a letter from the church of Sandyville, Tuscarawas Co., O., from which we learn, that the Lord has greatly blessed them, and that

they also desire to be admitted into connexion with our Synod, your committee, likewise move the admission of this congregation into membership with our Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

H. K. HENNIGH,
J. ROLLISTON,
G. WOLF.

Adopted.

21. *Resolved*, That we admit the congregations of Bolivar and Sandyville into connexion with this Synod.

Eighth Committee respectfully report:

No. 1, are two letters from brother H. Bishop, noticing his removal to Virginia, and that his congregations are now vacant, and wishes that they might be supplied. His parochial report whilst in Ohio, is as follows: Congregations, 4; Baptisms, infants, 20, adults, 7; Admitted, 40; Prayer-meetings, 3; Bible-classes, 2; Com. 150; Collection, $3 00.

No. 2, are four papers of recommendation from congregations amongst whom brother Thumm labored, in which they express their entire satisfaction with his deportment and ministry, and request the renewal of his license. His journal contains the passages of scripture from which he preached, and the time specified. For further action we would recommend him to the Ministerium.

No. 3, are papers of recommendation from congregations amongst whom brother G. Wolf labored, in which they express their entire satisfaction, and request the renewal of his license. We would also recommend him to the Ministerium.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. GUENTHER,
J. G. ELLINGER,
J. SEIDLE.

Adopted.

Thirteenth Committee respectfully report:

No. 1, is a letter from Mr. Henry Shadwell, the secretary of a meeting of Elders and Deacons of the several churches composing the pastoral district under the care of Bishop W. G. Keil, at which meeting it was resolved, that said district be divided into two; that Bishop Keil be the pastor of the first, and that a young man be sent by this Synod to take charge of the second.

Your committee recommend that some brother, destitute of a charge, be requested to visit those congregations.

No. 2, is a letter from Bishop W. G. Keil, in which he states,

1st. That he regrets the necessity of being absent from this Synod, desires to be excused, and prays the blessing of God to rest upon the members of this body.

2nd. That he received a small present for the Cincinnati mission, which he will forward to brother A. Reck.

3rd. That he desires the Board of Directors to do the best they can with regard to the contemplated Institution, and that he will sanction their proceedings.

4th. He has sent his parochial report, and ten dollars for the Synodical Treasury.

Your committee move that Bishop Keil be excused, and we sincerely thank him for not taxing this Synod with the postage of letters, minutes, &c.

Respectfully submitted

G. LEITER,
S. RITZ,
M. SMITH,

Adopted.

22. *Resolved*, That brother Keil be excused.

Ninth Committee respectfully report on the state of the Treasury:

Rec'd from Synod held at Washington, Guernsey Co. O.		$199 14
" by donation, - - - - -		52 19
		$251 33
Paid for printing minutes, &c. - - -	$58 00	
Postage and incidental expenses, by Secretary,	2 00	
To cash paid Rev. A. Reck, Missionary, -	175 00	
Postage paid by the President, - - -	3 12½	
From last year's report, - - - -	4 26	
		$242 38½
Balance in Treasury, - - - - - -		$ 8 95½

Respectfully submitted,

J. SIMONS,
M. SMITH,
J. G. STOW.

Adopted.

Received from Synod, collected and recorded in the Parochial report, Oct. 15th, 1843, - - - -	$217 31
Rec'd from Rev. G. Leiter, former Treas., Oct. 18, 1843,	8 95½
In the Treasury, - - - - - -	$226 26½

S. RITZ, *Treasurer.*

PASTORS.	Congregation	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Communicants.	From other churches.	Excommun'd.	Deaths.	S. Schools. Lutheran.	S. Schools. Union.	S. Schools. Teachers.	S. Schools. Scholars.	P. Meetings	Tem. Societ.	Synod Treas $	Synod Treas cts.	Bible class.	Org. ch's.	Foreign Missions. $	Foreign Missions. cts	POST OFFICES.
Bishop J. Stough, Sen'r. of the Ministerium,																					Bucyrus, Crawford Co., O.
" W. G. Keil,	6	38	7	30	500			6	2	6					10	00					Senecaville, Guernsey Co., O.
" J. B. Reck,	8	97	19	105	470			23					9		24	50					Canal Dover, Tuscarawas Co., O.
" F. J. Ruth,	9	60	20	81	400	15		18	1	4			9		7	00					Bucyrus, Crawford Co., O.
" J. H. Hoffman,	4	20	4	45	300			8	1				1	3	9	50					Washingtonville, Columbiana Co., O.
" G. Leiter,	5	50	10	73	440			10		3			3		11	51					Wooster, Wayne Co., O.
" S. Ritz,	2	30	47	82	200	70	9	6	4				4	2	12	50		2			Bolivar, Tuscarawas Co., O.
" J. Seidle,	4	31	14	39	180	4		12					3		11	00					Shanck's P. O., Richland Co., O.
" J. Hamilton,	4	46	14	73	187	2		2		1		90	5		14	07		2			East Greenville, Stark Co., O.
" C. C. Guenther,	3	61	11	31	200	5		25	3				3	3	13	48½					N. Georgetown, Columbiana Co., O.
" E. Rathbun,	4	25		9	180			5					3	1	5	12½					Sagerstown, Crawford Co., O.
" A. Kuhn,	6	43	11	62	290			10	3	1			5	2	8	00					Galion, Richland Co , O.
" J. Surface,															10	00					Ridgeville, Warren Co., O.
" J. G. Ellinger,	3	59	8	92	350			19	1				1		8	75			10	00	N. Middletown, Columbiana Co., O.
" W. J. Sloan,	5	35	25	147	425				1	2			7		7	62½					Ashland, Richland Co., O.
" J. B. Hoffman,	11	50	3	42	219	1		1		3			8		16	25					Fort Finley, Hancock Co., O.
" R. D. Emmerson,	7	27	27	153	233				1	5			8		9	25					Millersburg, Holmes Co., O.
" P. P. Lane,	3		10	39	175		10		2	1			4								Plymouth, Richland Co., O.
" G. Sill,	4	2	1	1	44	1									3	75					Winchester, Preble Co., O.
" J. Livengood,	5	22	7	43	119		1	5	1	1	13		4	1	2	00					Tiffin, Seneca Co., O.
" L. C. Barns,	2	34	10	24	134			1	6				7		1	50					
" G. W. Shaeffer,	6	34	20	55	300	3		4					6		8	00					Newville, Richland Co., O.
" G. Wolf,	2	18	1	3	67								2			50					
" J. Wolf,																					
" J. Rollison,																					
" W. A. Wadsworth,	1	12	2	6											4	50½					Canton, Stark Co., O.
" J. G. Harris,	2	8	1	5	55								1		5	00	1				Bellefontaine, Logan Co., O.
" A. H. Myers,	4	15	20	35	210	9	1	4	3		20	125	6	2	15	50					Wooster, Wayne Co., O.
" H. Baker,	2	14	14	60	150			1					4		4	00					Mount Vernon, Knox Co., O.
" J. Dixon,																					
" H. Bishop,	4	20	7	40	150				2				4		3	00	2				
" C. L. Thumm,																					
" C. Mook,	1	2						4													
Annapolis Congregation,															3	00					

23. On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to examine applicants for licensure, consisting of Bishops C. C. Guenther, J. H. Hoffman and J. G. Ellinger.

24. On motion, *Resolved*, That we adjourn till 2 o'clock, this afternoon.

Prayer by brother G. Sill.

SEVENTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, *2 o'clock, P. M.*

25. On motion, *Resolved*, That E. Raffensberger, Esq., and J. Miller be excused from further attendance at Synod.

Twelfth Committee respectfully report:

No. 1, 2, 3 and 4, are communications from Wolf Creek, Bellville township, Sandusky Co., O., and from Attica church in the same township and county, and from a congregation in Adams township, Seneca Co., O., all signed by their respective Elders and Deacons, in which they express their entire satisfaction with the labor and moral deportment of their worthy Pastor, Bishop J. Livengood, and pray Synod to permit him to remain amongst them.

No. 5, is a communication from Wooster congregation and charge. They represent the charge as being vacant, and destitute of a minister to break to them the bread of eternal life, and express a great desire to have their wants supplied by some worthy minister of this body.

Your committee are of opinion that this charge ought to be supplied immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

H. BAKER,
G. RULE,
S. B. RATHBUN.

Adopted.

Sixteenth Committee respectfully report on the letter placed in our hands for examination and report, in which we notice two items.

Item 1, are suggestions from the church councils of part of the charges of Breth. J. F. Ruth and A. Kuhn, relative to our contemplated Institution. Your committee would recommend that this part of the letter be read before Synod.

Item 2, contains Bro. Ruth's parochial report, and also, that the delicate state of his health has prevented him from attending this

session of Synod. He prays Synod to excuse him. Your committee would move that Bro. Ruth be excused.

Respectfully submitted,

Adopted. A. KUHN,
J. LIVENGOOD.

26. *Resolved*, That Bro. J. F. Ruth be excused.

27. On motion, *Resolved*, That Valentine Exline, an applicant for license be admitted to an examination.

28. On motion, *Resolved*, That Bishop S. Ritz be appointed to preach a sermon on the nature of the Institution of the Christian Sabbath.

29. On motion *Resolved*, That we organize into a Foreign Missionary Society, auxiliary to the Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, of the United States of North America.

30. On motion, *Resolved*, That the following brethren be the officers of the Foreign Missionary Society.

BISHOP G. LEITER *President*,
" J. SEIDLE *Secretary*,
" W. A. WADSWORTH *Treasurer*.

31. On motion, *Resolved*, That Bishops J. H. Hoffman, C. C. Guenther and W. J. Sloan be a committee to draft a constitution for the Foreign Missionary Society and to report at the next meeting of Synod.

32. On motion, *Resolved*, That we now adjourn to meet this evening after religious exercises.

Prayer by Bishop A. Kuhn.

At candle-light, Bro. J. Krack preached from Matthew, chap. 24, verse 14,—after which, according to a resolution of the Ministerium, Bishops W. A. Wadsworth and L. C. Barns appeared at the altar. The President propounded to them the constitutional questions, which were answered in the affirmative. They were then set apart to the holy office of the ministry "by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery."

The brethren who had been approved as Licentiates, viz., Messrs. G. Hammer, E. Eastman——Thomson, Cather, and V. Exline, were then invited to the altar. After their duties had been

stated to them by the President, and they had answered the questions required by our constitution, their licenses were handed to them and they were solemnly commended to God and his grace in prayer, by Bishop S. Ritz.

The exercises of this evening were unusually solemn and impressive, and we sincerely hope, the solemn engagements entered into by those brethren, and their consecration to the service of God will never be forgotten by them.

The President now returned the thanks of Synod to our kind friends of Canton for their hospitality and kindness, and the interest they manifested in our proceedings during our sojourn among them. In the name of his brethren he bade them an affectionate farewell.

EIGHTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 9 *o'clock.*

33. On motion, *Resolved*, That 2000 copies of the minutes of this session of Synod be published for the use of Synod, and that the Secretary have them published at the Publication Rooms, Baltimore, Maryland.

34. On motion, *Resolved*, That the Synod do now form itself into an Education Society, for the purpose of aiding indigent young men for the preparation of the Gospel Ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

A committee of three were appointed to draft a constitution for the Education Society, consisting of Bishops C. C. Guenther, G. Leiter and W. A. Wadsworth.

35. On motion, *Resolved*, That said Education Society create an Executive Committee, who shall examine the applicants for assistance, and also to take charge of the money given for beneficiary purposes, and distribute it among said beneficiaries according to the amount which the Executive Committee may agree upon for each student.

36. On motion, *Resolved*, That said Executive Committee consist of five members.

37. On motion, *Resolved*, That this Synod invite the cordial cooperation of the Synod of the West, in sustaining and managing or conducting of the Literary and Theological Institute located in the town of Wooster, Wayne county, Ohio, and that a committee

of three be appointed by this body, consisting of Bishops W. G. Keil, G. Leiter, and W. A. Wadsworth, to confer with a committee of that Synod on this subject, on the first of June 1844.

38. On motion, *Resolved*, That we feel thankful to the brethren of the German Reformed Church for their fraternal feeling manifested to this body, as stated by their delegate Rev. G. Slusser, and that we will endeavour to reciprocate a kindred feeling, and to maintain such a desirable relation, hereby appoint, Bishop J. H. Hoffman the delegate of this body to their Synod, which meets —— in the town of Greensburg, Pa.

39. On motion, *Resolved*, That Bro. Cather receive five dollars from the Treasurer to bear his expenses to De Kalb county, Indiana.

40. On motion, *Resolved*, That our next meeting be held on the Saturday before the first Sunday in September.

41. On motion, *Resolved*, That the brethren are hereby authorized to make reasonable efforts to take up by subscriptions, donations or otherwise, money, books and philosophical apparatus for the Theological Institution.

42. On motion, *Resolved*, That we recommend to the favorable notice of the congregations under our care, the German work of Rev. Doct. J. G. Schmucker, on the book of Revelation.

43. On motion, *Resolved*, That we hereafter will not receive any students from the Institutions of Gettysburg, Penn., who leave said Institution in an irregular manner, but shall require from them a certificate of good character from some member or members of the faculty.

44. On motion, *Resolved*, That Massillon be a Missionary station, and that it be supplied by the neighboring brethren.

We now went into an election for the place of holding the next meeting of Synod, which resulted in favor of Wooster, Wayne county, Ohio.

45. On motion, *Resolved*, That in consequence of the inconveniences attending the meeting of this body, which is rapidly increasing, and in view of the benefit that may arise to the church from the formation of a new Synod within our bounds, that a committee of three, consisting of Bishops J. B. Reck, G. Leiter, and R. D. Emmerson, be appointed to devise a plan to divide this Synod and propose a boundary, and report the same at the next session of Synod.

46. On motion, *Resolved*, That we now adjourn to meet in Wooster, Wayne county, Ohio, on the Saturday before the first Sunday in September 1844.

MINISTERIUM.

FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 4 *o'clock Oct.* 18*th*, 1843.

Opened with prayer by the President.

1. On motion, *Resolved*, That W. A. Wadsworth and L. C. Barns be ordained this evening.

In view of the favorable testimonials of Licentiates, P. P. Lane, G. Sill, J. Livengood, G. W. Shaeffer, G. Wolf, J. Wolf, J. Rollisom, J. G. Harris, A. H. Myers and H. Baker,

2. On motion, *Resolved*, That their license be renewed.

The committee appointed to examine applicants for licensure, having reported, it was

3. On motion, *Resolved*, That J. Dixon, C. L. Thumm, C. Mook, G. Hammer, E. Eastman, Thomson, Cather and V. Exline, receive Candidates license.

4. On motion, *Resolved*, That we now adjourn to meet this evening, after the adjournment of Synod.

Prayer by Bishop E. Rathbun.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY MORNING, $\frac{1}{2}$ *past* 12 *o'clock Oct.* 19*th.*

5. On motion, *Resolved*, That in consequence of the warm recommendations of Breth. Weiser and Babb of the Alleghany Synod of Pennsylvania, in favor of Bishop J. Simons, we receive him into this Synod as a member, provided that he procure an honorable dismission from the Alleghany Synod and present it to this body.

6. On motion, *Resolved*, That we receive the Rev. H. K. Hennigh into membership in this Synod, provided he receive an honorable dismission from the Synod of the West.

The foregoing is a correct statement of the proceedings of the English Evangelic Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of Ohio, and adjacent parts, at its Eighth Session, held in Canton, Stark county, Ohio, in the month of October 1843.

Certified by J. HAMILTON, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Of the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio.

Beloved Brethren:

Another year has revolved, and we are again permitted, in the providence of God, to assemble to hold our eighth annual Synodical Convention. Such meetings are always fraught with deep interest, both to ministers and congregations, and are associated with corresponding responsibility; and should therefore be conducted with mature deliberation, and a view to the glory of God and the advancement of his kingdom.

As a Synod, we have great cause of gratitude to the great Head of the church, that while death has thinned the ranks of some of our sister Synods, none of us have fallen, but that we have been permitted to continue our labours in his vineyard.—Our increase during the last few years, both as it respects ministers and members, has been unexampled in the history of the Lutheran church. Three years ago when we dissolved our connection with the German Synod, as a *branch*, and became a *Synod*, we had only eight or ten, now we have thirty-four ministers and a proportionate increase of congregations. The most fraternal feeling exists among the brethren, and all seem to be labouring to extend the Redeemer's kingdom.

The various religious and benevolent institutions of the present day, such as Bible, Tract, Temperance and Missionary societies, are advocated and sustained to some extent, though perhaps not so much as their increasing importance demands.

From the minutes of the General Synod, a copy of which will be laid before you, you will learn that our Synod now stands in connection with the General Synod of the Lutheran church; and I would state, as the only ministerial delegate from this Synod, that we were unanimously received and recognized as a *Lutheran Synod* by that important and learned body, constituting we may say almost the entire *Evangelical Lutheran* church, in the United States. There are only a few Synods disconnected with that body.

The Lord has visited the churches under our care, in a very remarkable manner, during the past year. Nearly all the brethren from whom any knowledge has been obtained, have been blessed with revivals of

religion to some extent. A mighty tide has been rolling from the east, which all the impediments erected by its enemies, have not been able to withstand.

According to the constitution of our Synod it becomes my duty, to give you a brief statement of my official acts during the current year. I would mention therefore, that soon after my return from Synod last fall, I received a communication from brother Harris, stating, that in compliance with a resolution of Synod, he visited Putnam, Ohio, and had an interview with Mr. Chandler of that place, who stated that their difficulties with the Methodist Episcopal church, had nearly all vanished, and that the dissatisfied persons, who had made application to us for a preacher, had again returned to that church. He moreover states that he was assured, that the difficulties then existing, were of such an aggravated character, that if we could have supplied them with a good minister, we might now have a very flourishing congregation there.

Nov. the 10th, I received a letter from brother Joseph Wolf, containing his honourable dismission as a minister in good standing, in the Methodist Episcopal church, signed by the presiding Elder; and as an inducement for him to stay among them was offered a good circuit, but that his mind was decided, and that a Republican government was more congenial to his feelings. After alluding to some severe trials that he had, he remarks: "Thank God the clouds are dispersing, and O what a sweet and heavenly peace within; this hour, yes this moment I feel what this poor world cannot give nor take." I accordingly sent him a license, subject to renewal at this session.

Brother W. A. Wadsworth, a licentiate of the Maryland Synod, who was admitted as a member of this, also forwarded his certificate of honorable dismission signed by President J. Winter. We deeply regret that the labors of this brother, were interrupted during the past year by long indisposition.

Sometime in February, I received a communication from brother H. Bishop, stating, that in order to make room for brother Joseph Wolf and Baker, he resigned his charge in Licking Co. and removed to Tarlton, Pickaway Co., where brother Little formerly laboured, a very important field, and that he left his congregation in a state of revival.

The committee appointed to examine brother Mook having reported favourably, I sent him a license which will also require confirmation by this Synod.

Brother Hammer being recommended to me for examination, but as the constitution makes no provision for *ad interim licensure*, I did not feel at liberty to act in this case; by the advice and consent of some of the brethren I however gave him permission to preach, and urged him to continue his studies.

A communication dated May the 8th, was received from brother A. H. Myers, stating, that as brother Ritz's congregations were vacated by his removal to Bolivar, and having received a call from them, after consulting some of the brethren he resigned Plain church and took charge of Wooster and East Union, also that he held protracted meetings during the fall and winter in Bethel, Plain church, in the village of Ganges, Woos-

ter and several other places, during which the congregations were much revived and a number of souls hopefully converted to God, 65 of whom were added to the various congregations.

A letter dated May the 29th, was received from brother Baker of Vernon, in which he states, that he commenced his labours in that place on the first of November, and found them in a cold and delapidated condition: during a protracted meeting held at Mt. Zion, 20 persons were converted, 18 of whom were received as members. At another meeting in Vernon, 65 were converted only 18 of whom joined our church, prayer meetings are kept up regularly in this place. Several other protracted meetings were held by this brother, during which precious revivals were experienced and 26 more were added to the church.

Some time in July I received a very encouraging letter from brother Emmerson of Millersburg, stating, that the Lord continued to revive his work in this part of his moral vineyard. He says: "I rejoice that in the midst of the cold hearted opposition and jealousy of others, Lutheranism is on the advance. In piety and numbers a new state of things is taking place. Other denominations no longer fatten and grow strong from our ranks, but a reaction is taking place to some extent. A few weeks ago, I held a protracted meeting in Nashville. Brother Myers assisted, and lo the Lord was with us; thirteen found peace and joined the church. I organized a congregation of 27 members. At Wolf Creek, I also held a three days meeting and our heavenly Father blessed us, and we had some interesting conversions. Thirteen joined the church, 5 of whom were Methodists, and 7 more have since made application and one a preacher of respectable standing, and by no means an enthusiast. I can truly say, that I never witnessed such displays of God's mercy any place as during our sacramental meetings.

"I have confirmed since last Synod 130 persons, and 35 or 40 more have made application within the last few weeks."

On the 2nd of September, I assisted this brother in laying the corner-stone of a new church in the village of Benton, where this brother has organized a flourishing congregation, as well as in Middletown, and several other places, which no doubt will be reported at this session and cheerfully received into our connection.

Brother Livengood in his communication says: "Since the last meeting of Synod, I have been constantly engaged, preaching two and three times every Sabbath and frequently during the week, besides other duties. We have enjoyed several seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The most important, was in Thomson township, Seneca Co., in the midst of the most violent enemies of evangelical measures. About 40 were converted and added to the church. A number of them the most respectable and wealthy citizens. A handsome brick church is now erected near the one that was locked on us.

"In Attica, I held a protracted meeting last spring and the result was good. Here I commenced my labours about a year ago with 6 or 7 members; we now number upwards of 20, all of whom are hopefully pious, and what is truly commendatory of this little band, they have lately erected a very fine house of worship at a cost of 800 dollars.

The principal man in this noble enterprise is brother John Miller, whose praise should be in all the church. Three hundred dollars would not cover all his contributions to this house. In two other congregations, I have had encouraging times this spring, in both of which they are erecting new churches, making in all four.

"In Tiffin where I now reside, the German Reformed have a congregation and their younger members are mostly descendants from the Lutheran church. The German Lutherans have a congregation here, but their members are nearly all dissipated and grocery keepers.

"With great reluctance I was compelled to give up Lower Sandusky. Here a minister should be located by all means."

Under date of Sept. the 12th I received a letter from brother Sloan, in which he says: "Our good Lord has blessed my labours during the present year, particularly last winter and spring. There have been about 300 conversions in my charge, since last Synod of these, I have added about 150 to the Lutheran church." He further remarks, "that he has met with great opposition, and sometimes from old orthodox Lutherans and Reformed."

About the same time, I received a letter from brother J. Seidle, stating, that immediately after the last Synodical convention, he took charge of the Woodbury and neighbouring congregations, Richland Co., and that during a protracted meeting there, the Lord blessed his word, and that sinners were converted; also that he has organized a new congregation of 37 members, three miles from Bellville, where preaching was scarcely known, and has a number of probationers as subjects of prayer and instruction. We understand that brother Seidle's former charge is now occupied by brother George Wolf.

A letter of the same date was received from brother Ritz, stating what the good Shepherd of Israel has done for him and his people since the last Synodical meeting. He says: "Last January I began a protracted meeting in the Wooster charge, at which meeting 65 persons were awakened and nearly all converted. At the next communion, which took place about 4 weeks after, 55 were added to the church. It was a joyful meeting. During the above meeting, brother Exline of Sandyville appeared and informed me, that the people of that place wished me to hold a protracted meeting among them and accordingly I went. The meeting lasted three weeks; the result was glorious. The church was roused up to duty, not a few of them converted and many poor sinners led to the precious Saviour and added to the church. The congregation resolved to give themselves under the care of the English Lutheran Synod of which I was a member, and give me a call to become their pastor, (it had hitherto been under the care of Rev. E. Greenwald.) After which the New School Presbyterian church, made application to join themselves to the Lutheran church, which offer was accepted. The Presbyterians had a church begun which they gave to the Lutherans. This house has since been completed, and dedicated to the service of God. This congregation consists now of about 135 members.

"After this I was invited to hold a protracted meeting at Bolivar, with which I complied. This meeting also continued about three weeks. Many

were converted. The New School Presbyterians here also united with the Lutheran church, and we organized a congregation of 67 members. It numbers 70 now. There never had been an English Lutheran church in Bolivar, and no meeting house of any kind. The Lutherans are now building a house of worship here." This people seem to be an active and spiritual people. May the Lord bless them abundantly.

About the same time, I received a communication from brother Rathbun, of Mercer county Pa., whither he has recently moved. He says, this field of labor was an entire waste, so far as Lutheranism is concerned, when he came there. He has now by the help of the Lord, organized two congregations, which are in a promising state, and are making arrangements to erect houses of worship. He expects to organize two more before long. This is a new station and our brother deserves much credit for his untiring efforts amid the violent opposition.

A letter was received from brother G. W. Schaeffer, dated Sept. 19th, in which he has the following statement: "This station I have organized since I commenced my ministerial labours. There were but two organized congregations here when I came, and they were in a dilapidated state; I have had much trouble with Bauchy, who calls himself an old measure Lutheran and preaches for the Germans. Since last Synod I organized four congregations, and have had three churches built and expect to have two more erected next summer. There were about 100 nominal professors when I came, and now we number 300 pretty spiritual members. We have six churches, in five of them the Lord has blessed us with revivals of religion, in which many souls were converted. We have 6 or 7 prayer meetings—"

A communication of a similar date was received from brother Sill of Winchester, Ohio. In which he says: "I preached my first sermon here on the last Sunday in July, and have reason to believe that my labor, during the short time of my residence, has not been in vain. I have succeeded in part, to bring together the scattered few that were here, but as they were neglected so long, some are careless about uniting with us. There is also much opposition and jealousy, especially on the part of some other denominations who have fattened on our members. A number have however given in their names and it is expected more will. In Schaeffer's church we have all the opposition imaginable, by infidels and universalists under the cloak of Lutherans. Here we have also organized a small congregation for worship, according to the doctrines and discipline of the Evangelical Lutheran General Synod. In Germantown the prospect is gloomy. May the Lord roll a wave of salvation over this town, and sweep away the dam of infidelity, universalism and restoration. In this place our members are erecting a fine house of worship in connection with the German Reformed. In Warren county I held a 3 day's meeting, where a number of souls were awakened." This is a new station and much labour to perform.

From brother Keil a communication was received quite recently, dated Oct. 3rd, from which we learn, that during the last Synodical year, nothing very remarkable occurred in his pastoral district, but as this brother very correctly remarks, "even the ordinary influences and fruits

of grace, deserve our notice, our acknowledgments and praise." He says: "Though the want of good health and strength has prevented me from making extra efforts for the extension of our churches, or to supply the destitute places in the vicinity with occasional preaching, yet I have been enabled generally to attend to my regular engagements, excepting in one congregation, which has become greatly discouraged in consequence. Others however are in a healthful and gradually advancing state. In several there are strong indications of approaching seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Our communions have been very solemn, and if they could have been continued, great good would have been accomplished. A deeply interesting state of things has been produced especially in two of the congregations. Several souls have been happily converted to God. Our accessions this fall are not large but of an encouraging character." This brother also states, that at a regular meeting of the church officers, his pastoral district was divided, and a petition prepared to be forwarded to Synod, for a preacher to take charge of the new district; may these brethren soon be supplied.

In my own district, the Lord has visited us in a very remarkable manner, during the past year, with the outpouring of his Holy Spirit. A series of protracted meetings were held, and the Lord blessed his preached word, and many were awakened and converted to God. In one place about 70 professed to be converted, in another 40, in another 20 and in others still less. Of these nearly 100 were added to the church. Prayer meetings are kept up; Temperance and other associations are encouraged, a society for the better observance of the Sabbath, has also been established among us. The publications of the church are circulated to some extent, but not so much as they should. Our church in Dover was completed and dedicated to the service of God on the 10th of Sept. On the other hand, we have had much to discourage and grieve us. The most bitter and malicious persecution, from some of whom we should hope better things. In several places, those opposed to prayer meetings and revivals, have invited a certain man from another Synod. Brother Cather has been reading and also labouring in some of the congregations under my care since last Synod. We shall also divide off another new district, which will make three that have been formed since my location here.

Through the medium of the Observer we have learnt that other brethren have also been favoured with revivals, but as this has already been spread before the church it needs not be repeated.

Thus we see, amid the most violent and bitter opposition and denunciations from fathers and brothers in, as well as out of the ministry, the good Lord has still prospered us. Does not this call loudly on us for heart-felt gratitude, deep humility and redoubled efforts, to advance the Redeemer's kingdom?

Our infant mission at Cincinnati is still prospering and will require aid from us another year,—I hope the success of this noble enterprise will encourage us to engage with fresh zeal and energy in establishing new missionary stations. While we rejoice to see the foreign mission encouraged, and hope this spirit will be cherished by all, we think it vast-

ly more important, in view of the great destitution, and the withering influence of Romanism and other pernicious errors in the great west, for the Lutheran church to spend her chief resources her efforts and her prayers, here.

According to notice the Board of Directors of our contemplated Literary and Theological Institute met in Wooster in the month of June, and resolved by a majority of votes to locate it in that place, which will demand the final action of this body. The secretary was also ordered to correspond with several ministerial brethren in the east, with a view of obtaining an able and well qualified professor, who no doubt will be prepared to report at this meeting. As the destitution of our church is alarmingly great, and as the time has arrived when the calls for an able and efficient ministry are great, we hope nothing will be left undone to get into immediate operation, this school of the Prophets.

As the religious press is a mighty engine and exerts a powerful influence on the community, we would respectfully urge it upon all our brethren, to introduce and circulate freely, all our standard works, especially "Dr. Schmucker's Popular Theology," "Popular Exposition of the Gospels by Dr. Morris and Smith," "Dr. Kurtz on Baptism," "Why are you a Lutheran," and especially the "*Lutheran Observer*," which is said even by other denominations to be one of the best, in the United States, and the "Hirtenstimme," which is Evangelic and well adapted to the wants of the German population. While other denominations who are aware of the beneficial influence of the press, introduce their periodicals into every family, we have in many instances not more than two or three in a whole congregation.

In conclusion, we would commend our beloved Zion and all its interest to the gracious providence of God, praying that we may be guided in all our deliberations by his Holy Spirit and that peace and love may prevail, and that our motive in all we do may be the glory of God and the salvation of immortal souls.—

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